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JCPD Leads Multi-Agency Operation; 35 Arrested & Multiple Weapons Seized During Sweep

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and **Jersey City Police Department** officials announced today the **arrest of 35 individuals** on a variety of charges, including **drug and weapons offenses**, that resulted as part of multi-agency overnight operation. During the sweep, which concluded in the early morning hours, police also **recovered multiple weapons**.

More than four dozen municipal ordinance and motor vehicle summonses were also issued as part of the operation.

The Jersey City Police Department was the lead agency, with cooperation from the Hudson County Sheriff's Office, the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, and the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

"What the police did was target the areas that have been a source of ongoing crime and conduct important surveillance that led to a significant number of arrests and likely future arrests," said **Mayor Fulop**. "By working with other law enforcement agencies, we can pool our resources to send a strong message to the criminal element that if you commit a crime, you will be arrested."

Beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 26th, 2013 a total of 45 plainclothes officers and supervisors fanned out across the South and West Districts, conducted surveillance of hot spot locations and gathered important criminal intelligence. From their surveillance, the officers arrested 25 individuals on a variety of charges, including drug distribution charges.

A second part of the operation began at 8 p.m. and involved 22 JCPD uniformed officers, including Emergency Squad officers and officers from the Hudson County Sheriff's Office, targeting the hot spot locations that had been monitored by the earlier teams of officers.

This phase resulted in the arrest of 10 individuals on a variety of charges, as well as the issuance of 42 municipal ordinance summonses and 11 motor vehicle summonses. Officers also recovered two handguns (1 of those defaced), one replica handgun, one replica Uzi, one crossbow handgun, 14 knives, 19 pairs of handcuffs, one blackjack, 15 bags of marijuana and two bags of cocaine.

"The arrests last night are the initial results of targeted policing in the areas that have historically been problems," said **Mayor Fulop**. "We will continue to allocate police resources to those locations that are experiencing the highest levels of crime, so that all of our residents can feel safe."

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